

goals to improve mobility and air quality, reduce congestion and enhance the safety, security, reliability and cost-effectiveness of public transportation in Denton County. The finance plan is to match all federal dollars with DCTA local funds on an 80–20 basis and to complete all purchases in FY 2009.

Denton County Transportation Authority is located at 1660 S. Stemmons, Suite 250, Lewisville, TX 75067

(12.) Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fleet Replacement and Expansions—\$1.425 million—Buses and Bus Facilities—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority ("The T") is seeking federal funding to purchase 20 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) coaches to replace the oldest vehicles in The T's fleet. Approximately 20,000 passengers travel on The T's bus system each weekday and they ride a fleet of vehicles that accumulate over 1 million revenue miles per year. Wear and tear on each bus is substantial which leads to the need for timely replacement to avoid service interruptions and increasing maintenance and repair costs. This bus replacement purchase is consistent with The T's plan for fleet upgrades. The buses purchased will be wheel chair accessible and fueled with clean-burning CNG. The buses will also be installed with cameras for improved passenger and driver security.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority is located at 1600 E Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76102

(13.) City of Fort Worth, Interstate 35 Improvement Act—\$1.8 million—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This funding will provide for the design and environmental work of the initial phase of the improvement of this section of I–35W to provide congestion and air quality relief. I–35 impacts the transportation needs, both personal and commercial, of the entire central United States. The improvement and expansion of I–35W from downtown Fort Worth to its intersection with I–35E in Denton will serve to significantly enhance private and commercial access to the important central city renewal work of the Trinity River Vision project.

The City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

(14.) Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, TX—\$142,000—Economic Development Initiatives—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This request is the second phase of the Rosedale Plan which calls for renovation and reconstruction of the historic Dillow House, long a part of Texas Wesleyan life through its history as classrooms, housing, offices, and an alumni center. The University will use this facility as the permanent house for its Business Incubation Center sponsored and supported by its School of Business, and also as a meeting place for alumni and community. Additional funding will be used for student housing to be built along Rosedale, which will provide much needed housing for students and their families. Funding will also be used to create green spaces that will provide parks for the community and the University. The University will create attractive fencing to help define the neighborhood borders and will provide security for this designated area through its on-campus security force.

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ROSEDALE AVENUE
REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE 2009–2010

PROJECT BUDGET

A. Historic Dillow House Renovation	
Asbestos abatement	\$75,000
Renovation and code compliance	800,000
Technology and access/parking	125,000
	1,000,000
B. Additional Student Housing—Family Housing (20 units)	
Architecture, fees, permits	150,000
Construction	2,400,000
Amenities and site work	350,000
	\$2,900,000
C. Park Creation, Fencing, Outdoor Meeting Spaces	
Construction	300,000
Complete Project	4,200,000

Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) is located at 1201 Wesleyan St., Fort Worth, TX 76105

(15.) Stop Six Community Go Center, Fort Worth ISD and Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce—\$95,000—Elementary and Secondary Education (FIE)—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Stop Six Community Go Center provides a safe environment in which students can explore higher education and career options, financial aid resources, apply for scholarships and receive counseling services to assist in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to college. This funding will help the Go Center hire another academic advisor and a security guard.

Total project costs equate to \$134,600. That will be monetary or in-kind contributions.

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000
Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD)	5,000
University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC)	18,000
Department of Defense, (donated computers)	5,000
AB Christian Learning Center, Cash on hand	5,000
	38,000

AB Christian Learning Center, (Stop Six Community Go Center) is located at 5009 Brentwood Stair Rd., Suite #101, Fort Worth, TX 76112; mailing address: P.O. Box 54456, Hurst, TX 76054

(16.) City of Fort Worth, Early Childhood Development Program—\$285,000—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The City of Fort Worth, Texas seeks \$900,000 to support key projects that will significantly advance the Early Childhood Matters Initiative. Early Childhood Matters, a community initiative led by the City that impacts the entire region, will help coordinate resources and programs to benefit children up to 5 years of age. Training and materials from Early Childhood Resource Centers will be used by parents and child care providers. The funds will be used to continue two existing early childhood resource centers and start up two new locations in facilities in high-need neighborhoods.

Each neighborhood resource center provides training, support, educational materials and leadership development for parents, children, and child care staff. Together, the 4 resource centers will reach 500 parents, 280 child care staff, and 1,200 children under five years old. Each \$1 expended for early childhood training will result in savings of \$7 per child due to children not being retained a year at school, taking special education classes, or dropping out of school. A multi-goal Community Action Plan for Early Childhood was approved by City Council in October 2004 and has been endorsed by more than 30 community partners, including the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD). Initially, a Health and Human Services Early Learning Opportunities Act grant for \$687,000 along with the additional sum of \$125,000 in local matching funds and in-kind contributions enabled this program to establish base of operation. Upon receipt of the funding, 1,100 neighborhood families and 80 child care center employees would participate within the first 12 months.

The City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, TX 76102

(17.) Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice Initiative—\$247,000—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This project will support TWU's new doctorate program of nurse anesthesia practice—the second doctoral program of its kind in the United States, and the only program to be offered 100 percent online—originating from the main campus of Texas Wesleyan University. The objective is to develop a distance learning program that will provide extended education to full-time employed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are located in rural or metropolitan areas of the United States. This project provides education via new technologies, including distance learning methodologies, and addresses the Health People 2010 goal set by HHS to eliminate health disparities. The total project cost is \$1.86 million; \$1.5 federal/\$360,000 private.

Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) is located at 1201 Wesleyan St., Fort Worth, TX 76105

HONORING NIS NISSEN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nis Nissen upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Nissen was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Mr. Nissen was born in Santa Monica, California in October 1948. He graduated from Mira Costa High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1968. He completed Navy boot camp in San Diego. After a brief training period, he was designated as an engineman and was sent to join thousands of American service members fighting the North Vietnamese. He was assigned to the USS *Tutuilā*, a 442-foot length, Luzon Internal Combustion

Engine Repair Shop. The USS *Tutuila* functioned as a repair ship for the hundreds of small armed craft, or swift boats, used by the U.S. Navy and their South Vietnamese counterparts in patrolling the numerous inland and coastal waterways. Mr. Nissen and his fellow sailors worked around the clock to keep the swift boats functioning. They were often responsible for towing boats out of hostile areas and transporting wounded sailors to safety.

During his service on the USS *Tutuila*, Mr. Nissen became interested in the work of the medical staff and became a "striker" for a rating as a dental technician. He served fifteen months in Vietnam and upon his return to the U.S. he completed training for a dental technician. After dental school he was assigned to the medical facility at the Naval Air Station at Lemoore, California. He was later transferred to Naval Air Station at Kodiak Island, Alaska. He completed his active duty service in 1972.

Upon discharge, Mr. Nissen served as a civilian employee at the U.S. Air Force radar tracking station on Kodiak Island where they tracked Soviet aircraft and missiles. He received an honorable discharge as a Dental Technician third class. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three stars and the Vietnam Campaign with Device. Today, Mr. Nissen is the owner-broker of Old West Realty in Chowchilla. He has served as a charter member of the City of Chowchilla Historical Preservation Commission, is a life member of Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 9896 and is a member of the Masons.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Nis Nissen upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Nissen many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING SUNY CORTLAND MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland Men's Cross Country Team, which won its first ever national title on November 22, 2008. During the NCAA Division III Championships at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, the Cortland Red Dragons beat 31 competitors with a score of 80 points. The team solidly outpaced the second and third place finishers who scored 115 and 129 points, respectively, and improved on their previous finishes of fourth in 2006 and third in 2007 to win this year's title.

Four of the team's runners earned All-America honors by finishing in the top 35 competitors over the 8,000-meter course. Junior Seth DuBois of Altamont, New York finished seventh; senior Shamus Nally of Burnt Hills, New York, 11th; senior Josh Henry of Truxton, New York, 15th; and junior Justin Wager of Guilderland, New York, 28th.

The team was led by first year head coach Steve Patrick of Batavia, New York and assistant coaches Kathryn Wagner and Jacob Smith. Coach Patrick was named the 2008 Division III Men's Cross Country National Coach

of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Overall, the win marks SUNY Cortland's 22nd national team title, including 16 NCAA crowns in seven different sports.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such skilled and hard-working athletes in my district. Please join me in congratulating the team and wishing them the best of luck in their future athletic and scholarly pursuits.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month.

As March comes to a close, I would like to commemorate Women's History Month on the House Floor by highlighting the accomplishments of the many courageous women who, throughout history, have worked to improve the lives of all of the citizens of our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize those women whose hard work and dedication have directly impacted the state of Florida, and to commend them for their accomplishments. I would also like to recognize the Florida Women's Hall of Fame, whose mission it is to highlight and preserve the legacies of such women.

A native Floridian, Representative Carrie Meek paved the way for both women and African Americans in Florida by serving in the state House from 1979 to 1982. She was then elected as the first African-American woman in the State Senate, and in 1992 she went on to become the first black woman elected to Congress from Florida.

A champion of gender and racial equality throughout her career, Representative Meek sponsored legislation that created the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, which is tasked with identifying and studying issues that affect women. The Commission also maintains and facilitates the permanent Florida Women's Hall of Fame display, in the State Capitol.

Madam Speaker, another Florida-born trailblazer is former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Ms. Reno has achieved many firsts, and done much for women in her storied career.

She was named staff director of the Judiciary Committee of the Florida House of Representatives in 1971, and is credited with helping to reform the Florida court system during her time there. In 1978, she was appointed as the first female Dade County State Attorney, a position to which she was elected six consecutive times. During her tenure as State Attorney, she developed programs for drug courts and domestic violence.

Following her time serving the State of Florida and as a result of her leadership in the area of criminal justice, Janet Reno was appointed the first female Attorney General of the United States in 1993—a position she held until 2001.

Madam Speaker, another pioneering woman with Florida roots is Ms. Zora Neal Hurston.

In the 1930s anthropologist, folklorist, and writer Zora Neale Hurston collected informa-

tion on Florida folk life while working for the WPA's Federal Writers Project. As a result of her extensive anthropological research, her writings have become invaluable sources on African American life during the Harlem Renaissance. In all, Hurston wrote four novels and more than 50 published short stories, plays, and essays, and she is best known for her 1937 novel "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

Madam Speaker, I would also like to recognize Dr. Gladys Pumariega Soler. Dr. Soler was born in Cuba in 1930 and earned a medical degree from Havana University in 1955. In 1961, Dr. Soler moved to the United States and devoted her career to caring for indigent children in Jacksonville, Florida. Because of her role as director of the Pediatric Clinic at the University Medical Center from 1964 to 1992, for over 25 years Dr. Soler was widely known as "the Pediatrician."

These women have dedicated their lives to improving the status of women, and have encouraged people of all genders, races, and ages to reach higher and dream bigger.

As a son, husband, and father, it is a great honor and privilege for me to stand before you and recognize just a few of the many great women throughout history that have contributed their lives to better the lives not only of their peers, but of future generations, as well.

It is important that we continue to honor such women, not just during Women's History Month, but throughout the year, because they have done so much to improve the lives of women and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS F. McCORMICK

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, I wish to note the passing of Thomas F. McCormick, of Niskayuna, New York. Mr. McCormick died March 19, 2009, at age 80. From 1973 until 1977, he served as America's Public Printer, the head of the Government Printing Office (GPO).

Before his appointment as Public Printer by President Nixon, and following active and reserve duty in the Navy, Tom McCormick had a successful career at the General Electric Company. He joined GE's financial management program, and in 1967 he became president and general manager of The Maqua Company, a 420-person printing subsidiary of GE. Thereafter he headed strategic planning for GE's power generation business group in New York City. He took office as Public Printer in March 1973, at that time becoming the youngest person ever appointed to the post.

Tom McCormick served as Public Printer under Presidents Nixon and Ford and he held that position until succeeded by President Carter's appointee. During his term he automated GPO's business systems, expanded management training, and established program performance measures for GPO's operations. He continued GPO's program of replacing hot metal typesetting with electronic photocomposition technology and advocated standardizing print products to achieve savings. He promoted individualized service provision for customer agencies and giving them